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It was a typical old-fashioned country store. The real native that goes with such a place was scated on a cracker box, clad in the old-time careless country style. Another of the same vintage was engaging him-let us call him Gray Whiskers—in a heat-ed argument on election. The second man in the course of his remarks said "he was nigh onto eighty years old" referring with pride to his war record. (He was mustered out at Readville.)

"What time does the next train leave here for Boston" briskly inquired the writer.

"Oh, about two hours or more they'll be one," said Gray Whiskers. The writer lost some of his brisk

manner and expressed discontent and a few other things. At this point the veteran volun-teered the information that a train stopped at Sharon Junction in an

hour and the writer might walk there and wait for it, "Holy smoke," howled the writer, 'you expect me to walk four miles in

an hour? Couldn't do it." "Huh, four mile 's nothin'; I've walked it in three-quarters of an hour an' I'm eighty years old," boasted the

veteran. "Yes, an' I seen him do it and I'll bet ye he kin do it again," butted in Gray Whiskers,

Well, various remarks were passed and the writer offered to cover all bets, but there was nothing doing. It was two o'clock sharp when the writer left for the long journey down the track; the train was due at Sharon Heights about three or a little after.

"I wonder if that old rube could make it," he pondered as he skipped the ties. "There's Edward Payson Weston, he was an old has been. I reckon I'll try to make a little record myself."

The day was fairly cool; a little of the sun lent its rays to warm the scene. The sky was blue and walking fairly good. One mile post after another flashed by. Feverishly the writer gazed at his watch; he was well inside the limit. The last mile post was dancing toward him, but what a difference in the atmosphere. He was stifled with the heat. Hat in hand and coat over arm he sped onward as if the devils were at his heels.

At last the journey was ended. He fell into a chair at the station and looked at his watch once more. The veteran's record was smashed to atoms, done in 35 minutes, and the station agent there to prove it. He the strenuous effort was nothing. The record was broken. That was enough.

A few weeks passed and the inciboro again. He went to the general store and sought Gray Whiskers and the veteran. The proprietor was the only one present. Triumphantly the

writer told how speedily he had covered those four miles. The proprietor blew out a wreath of smoke; "an' you took any stock in the talk of those two fellers? Why, they never walked more than 100 yards from this here store in years," he said. "An' that old veteran he's all bunged up with rheuma

guess ye were fooled b'gosh." The writer took a look at the time table; he had an hour to wait, but he took Gray Whiskers' place on the cracker box and did not try to break any more records.

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On the Road.

A Yankee tourist spending a holiday in Dublin happened to be riding a motor bicycle on a road that leads to the town of Bray. Seeing an Irishman riding an ass toward the city and thinking to have a joke with him. he dismounted, and, approaching Pat,

exclaimed: "Hello Pat. Is your motor or mine

"I think they're just the same" said Pat. "Do you think this motor of mine is

"I do." sald Pat. "How do you make that out?"
"Because it's going to Bray."

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